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**APPLICATION NUMBER: NDA 20545**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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NDA 20-545

Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research  
Division of Warner-Lambert Company  
Attention: Mr. Alan V. McEmber  
2800 Plymouth Road  
P.O. Box 1047  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1047

Dear Mr. McEmber:

Please refer to your new drug application for Procanbid (procaïnamide HCl) Extended Release Tablets.

In reviewing your submission of December 21, 1994, our Medical Officer, Chemist, Pharmacologist and Environmental Officer have raised a number of questions that require your attention. Our concerns with your submission are detailed as part of this correspondence (see enclosures).

We would appreciate your written response.

Sincerely yours,

Natalia A. Morgenstern  
Chief, Project Management Staff  
Division of Cardio-Renal Drug Products  
Office of Drug Evaluation I  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Enclosures

- Medical Review
- Chemist Review
- Pharmacology review
- Environmental Assessment Review

cc:

- Original NDA
- HFD-80/DDIR
- HFD-110
- HFD-110/CSO
- HFD-110/DWillard/6/20/95;6/26/95
- sb/6/21/95;6/28/95
- R/D: RWolters/6/26/95
- NMorgenstern/6/27/95

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research  
Division of Warner-Lambert Company  
Attention: Ms. Mary E. Taylor  
2800 Plymouth Road  
P.O. Box 1047  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1047

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Dear Ms. Taylor:

Please refer to your new-drug application for Procanbid (procainamide HCl) Extended-Release Tablets.

In reviewing your submission of December 21, 1994, our Medical Officer, Statistician and Biopharmacist have raised a number of questions that require your attention. Our concerns with your submission are detailed as part of this correspondence (see enclosures).

We would appreciate your written response.

Sincerely yours,

Natalia A. Morgenstern  
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Medical Review  
Statistical Review  
Biopharmaceutical Review

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Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville MD 20857

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Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research  
Division of Warner-Lambert Company  
Attention: Ms. Mary E. Taylor  
2800 Plymouth Road  
P.O. Box 1047  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1047

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Please refer to your pending December 21, 1994 new drug application submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act for Procanbid (procainamide HCl) Extended Release Tablets.

We have completed our review of the chemistry section of your submission and have identified the following deficiencies:

1. Please provide elemental analysis, mass spectra analysis and NMR data on your recent synthesized batches of drug substance to characterize them further.
2. Please provide the analytical test specification protocol for the in-house working standard. We request that you conduct complete USP analytical testing on the working standard.
3. You have indicated in the stability data for the drug substance that the assay specification for the drug substance is [ ]% for shipment to Parke-Davis, Rochester. Please clarify why is this specification for the Rochester site. Also, please clarify the relevance of this information to the NDA submission, as the drug product is manufactured at your facility in [ ].
4. Please submit 6 months data on each of three commercial lots for each strength in each of the proposed market packages that are at least [ ]% of the production batches or [ ] units; whichever is larger.
5. Please specify the approximate humidity conditions at 30°C in your stability studies protocol for the drug product.
6. Please describe the packaging operations, including the type of equipment and operative conditions.

7. In the **DESCRIPTION** section of the package insert, the ingredients [ ] have been included. These two excipients are not part of your present formulation for the drug product. Please delete these from the list of ingredients.
8. In the **HOW SUPPLIED** section of the package insert, note that the USP 23 has redefined controlled temperature. Please revise your labeling appropriately.
9. Please provide curriculum vitae for each of the preparers of the EA, stating their expertise, experience and professional discipline. In addition, please list any persons or agencies who were consulted during the preparation of environment assessment as required by 21 CFR 25-31.

We may have further comments regarding the environment assessment and dissolution specifications at a later date.

Your proposed trademark has been reviewed by our Labeling and Nomenclature Committee and is acceptable. Please note that we consider your trademark to be one word. You, therefore, should not emphasize or set off the "bid" suffix of the name in any labeling or advertising for this drug product.

We would appreciate your prompt written response so we can continue our evaluation of your NDA.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Ms. Diana Willard  
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Sincerely yours,

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